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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Clay Sells  
Deputy Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

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Dear Mr. Sells:

The National Park Service (NPS) has been directed by Congress to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System. The legislation (Public Law 108-340) specifically directs the study of Los Alamos, New Mexico; Hanford, Washington; and Oak Ridge, Tennessee; but does not exclude consideration of other related sites. The act also requires that this study be conducted in consultation with the Department of Energy (DOE).

Planning staff at the NPS Denver Service Center office will be managing this project which will involve NPS staff from several regional offices. Skip Gosling, DOE Chief Historian, is already involved with this project and is providing assistance in gathering background documents from the three sites mentioned above.

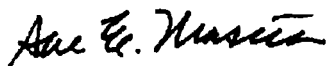
In addition to the assistance provided by Mr. Gosling, we are requesting that DOE:

- 1) participate at the public meetings held at each site;
- 2) participate in the project team's work sessions;
- 3) review various documents developed for this study;
- 4) designate one DOE representative as our primary point of contact for each study site;
- 5) provide information on hazardous materials and contaminants at sites considered in this study;
- 6) provide cost estimates for potential mitigation for visitor access and safety; and,
- 7) with reference to Sec. 3(a)(2)(B) of Public Law 108-340, provide information and a determination as to what would be needed to maintain the security, productivity, and management goals of the Department of Energy and public health and safety as it relates to compatibility with management alternatives

Once the project scope and schedule are finalized we will prepare a general agreement to document the relationship between DOE and NPS for this study. If you need additional details about the special resource study and the anticipated project schedule, please contact the project manager, Carla McConnell at 303-969-2287 or via email at [carla\\_mcconnell@nps.gov](mailto:carla_mcconnell@nps.gov).

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands

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